Development Authority has reported that on receipt of report about completion of civil work and provision of basic amenities, a computerized draw is held. Thereafter, Demand-cum-Allotment letters are sent to the successful registrants requiring them to deposit the demanded amount and the requisite documents. The possession of flats is handed over after the receipt of demanded amount and the requisite documents with in the stipulated period.

However, in some cases, the offers of allotment had to be cancelled as the allottees either did not make the payment in time or did not fulfil the terms and conditions of allotment or did not accept the allotment. All such cancelled/surrendered flats are re-allotted to the wait-listed registrants through computerized draw.

Population residing in small and medium towns

†3073. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people in the country are living in small and medium towns;

(b) if so, the total number of small and medium towns and the total number of people residing in these towns;

(c) whether any target has been fixed to generate new employment opportunities in these towns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) As per 1991 Census, there are 4565 small and medium towns in the country

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

having a population of 14,40,21,915. In order to generate employment and development in these towns the Union Government launched the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme in the year 1979-80. As on 31st March, 2002, out of 4565 towns, 1172 towns have been covered under the scheme and Central assistance of Rs. 520.33 crores have been released so far.

Water charges fixed by DDA in dwarka

3074. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the per month per dwelling unit water charges fixed by DDA in different areas of Delhi;

(b) whether DDA has fixed water charges @ Rs. 200 per month from owners of Group Housing Society Flats in Dwarka from back date without considering their date of possession or date of individual connections;

(c) the criteria for fixing water charges and the date from which these have been charged;

(d) the reasons for fixing such exorbitant flat rates instead of meter reading basis; and

(e) whether water charges would be rationalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.